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Statement of Source and Authenticity

I, Walter Bossi, hereby certify that I am officially connected with the Government of Switzerland in the following capacity: Swiss Diplomatic Representative, and as such official I have custody of the documents consisting of seventy-three letters and notes, as listed on Exhibit A attached hereto and described as follows: True copy of letters and notes from the Minister of Switzerland addressed to the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and replies thereto of the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs addressed to the Minister of Switzerland.

I further certify that the attached letters and notes are official records of the Swiss Legation in Japan and that they are a part of the official archives and files thereof.

Signed at Tokyo on this
3rd day of December, 1946.

/s/ W. Bossi
Signature of Official

Witness: /s/ Max R. Bon

Swiss Diplomatic Representative
Official Capacity

Statement of Official Procurement

I, 2nd Lt. Eric W. Fleisher, hereby certify that I am associated with the General Headquarters of the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, and that the above certification was obtained by me from the above signed official of the Swiss Government in the conduct of my official business.

Signed at Tokyo on this
3rd day of December, 1946.

/s/ Eric W. Fleisher, 2nd Lt. AUGMI
NAME

Witness: /s/ William G. Prout

Investigator, IFS

Exhibit 4

- 28534 (1) Letter dated 12 February 1942 from Swiss Minister to Shigenori TOGO, Foreign Minister (LE 4.1.2./7.1.-3a CC 2.1.)
- 28534 (2) Letter dated 17 Feb 1942 from Swiss Minister to Shigenori TOGO, Foreign Minister (CC.2.1.2. 1.5.9.2. 1.1.)
- 28534 (3) Letter dated 3 Mar 1942 from Swiss Minister to Shigenori TOGO, Foreign Minister (EE.4.1.2.-CC.2.1.-ca.)
- 28534 (4) Letter dated 3 Jun 1942 from Swiss Minister to Shigenori TOGO, Foreign Minister (CC.1.2.9./2.1.1.-ce.)
- 28534 (5) Letter dated 5 Jun 1942 from Swiss Minister to Shigenori TOGO, Foreign Minister (CC.1.2.3./2.2.1.-ce.)
- 28534 (6) Letter dated 11 Jun 1942 from Swiss Minister to Shigenori TOGO, Foreign Minister (CC.2.2.1./1.2.9.-cc)
- 28534 (7) Letter dated 12 June 1942 from Swiss Minister to Shigenori TOGO, Foreign Minister (CC.1.2.9./1.2.4.-ce) (CC.2.1.1.)
- 28534 (8) Letter dated 29 Jul 1942 from Gaimusho to Swiss Minister, No. 342/T3
- 28534 (9) Letter dated 30 Jul 1942 from Gaimusho to Swiss Minister, No. 343/T3
- 28534 (10) Letter dated 1 Sep 1942 from Swiss Minister to Shigenori TOGO, Foreign Minister (CC.1.2.9.-cr)
- 28534 (11) Letter dated 2 Sep 1942 from Swiss Minister to Shigenori TOGO, Foreign Minister (CC.1.2.8-cq CC.1.2.9.)
- 28534 (12) Letter dated 3 Sep 1942 from Swiss Minister to General Hideki TOJO, Prime Minister and Foreign Minister (CC.2.2.1.-ck)
- 28534 (13) Letter dated 10 Sep 1942 from Swiss Minister to General Hideki TOJO, Prime Minister and Foreign Minister (CC.1.2.9./2.1.1.-ce)

- 2853.. (14) Letter dated 7 Oct 1942 from Swiss Minister to L. TANI,
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- 2853.. (15) Letter dated 24 Oct 1942 from Swiss Minister to H. TANI,
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- 2853.. (16) Letter dated 28 Oct 1942 from Swiss Minister to L. TANI,
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- 2853.. (17) Letter dated 6 Nov 1942 from Swiss Minister to L. TANI,
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- 2853.. (19) Letter dated 24 December 1942 from Swiss Minister to
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- 2853.. (20) Letter dated 5 Feb 1943 from Swiss Minister to
Foreign Minister (CC.1.1.-dez)
- 2853.. (21) Letter dated 16 March 1943 from Swiss Minister to
Foreign Minister (CC.1.1.8at)
- 2853.. (22) Letter dated 27 March 1943 from Swiss Minister to
Foreign Minister (CC.1.1./1.2.5.-dez.)
- 2853.. (23) Letter dated 31 March 1943 from Swiss Minister to
Foreign Minister (CC.1.1.-dez GG 4.6.9. 24 GG 8.3.4.1.)
- 2853.. (24) Letter dated 22 Apr 1943 Gairusho to Swiss Minister,
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28534. (26) Letter dated 12 May 1943 from Swiss Minister to M.
SHIGEMITSU, Foreign Minister (M.1.5.1. dat
FE/SG 8.6.4.2.)
28534. (27) Letter dated 2 Jun 1943 from Swiss Minister to
M. SHIGEMITSU, Foreign Minister (CC.1.1.-daw.)
28534. (28) Letter dated 4 Jun 1943 from Swiss Minister to
Foreign Minister (CC.1.1.-dat.)
28534. (29) Letter dated 24 Jun 1943 Gaimusho to Swiss Minister,
No. 189/C.R.
28534. (30) Letter dated 28 Jun 1943 from Swiss Minister to
Foreign Ministry (CC.1.2.7. - deu. CC.1.1.)
28534. (31) Letter dated 8 July 1943 from Swiss Minister to
Jap. Foreign Minister (CC.1.1.-deu.)
28534. (32) Letter dated 16 July 1943 from Swiss Minister to
M. SHIGEMITSU (CC.1.5.1./2.1.2./1.1.-dgu.)
28534. (33) Letter dated 23 July 1943 Gaimusho to Swiss Minister,
No. 244/C.R.
28534. (34) Letter dated 29 July 1943 from Swiss Minister to
M. SHIGEMITSU, Foreign Minister (CC.1.5.1./2.1.2./
1.1.-deu.)
28534. (35) Letter dated 23 Aug 1943 from Swiss Minister to
Foreign Minister (CC.1.1.-deu CC.1.2.4.)
28534. (36) Letter dated 4 Sep 1943 from Swiss Minister to
Foreign Minister (CC.1.1.-CC.1.2.7.-deu.)
28534. (37) Letter dated 22 Oct 1943 from Swiss Minister to
Foreign Minister (CC.1.1. deu.
(CC.1.2.4.-CC.1.2.7.-CC.1.2.8.)
28534. (38) Letter dated 10 Dec. 1943 from Swiss Minister to
Foreign Minister (CC.1.1.-deu.)
28534. (39) Letter dated 12 Feb 1944 from Swiss Minister to
M. SHIGEMITSU, Foreign Minister (CC.1.1.-EDGb.)
28534. (40) Letter dated 13 March 1944 from Swiss Minister to
Foreign Minister (CC.1.1.-EGc
CC.1.5.2.)

- 28534. (41) Letter dated 25 March 1944 from Swiss Minister to Foreign Minister (CC.1.5.1./C.1.2./CC.1.1.-IGc.)
- 28534. (42) Letter dated 30 March 1944 from Swiss Minister to Minister Tadokazu SUZUKI, Foreign Ministry (CC.1.1.)
- 28534. (43) Letter dated 10 May 1944 from Swiss Minister to Minister M. SHIGEMITSU, Foreign Minister. (CC.1.1.-EGh.)
- 28534. (44) Memorandum dated 30 June 1944 from Swiss Minister to Minister Tadokazu SUZUKI, Foreign Ministry (CC.1.1.-Fib.)
- 28534. (45) Letter dated 1 July 1944 from Swiss Minister to M. SHIGEMITSU, Foreign Minister (CC.1.1.-Fib.)
- 28534. (46) Memorandum dated 21 July 1944 from Swiss Minister to Foreign Minister (CC.1.1.-Ela.)
- 28534. (47) Letter dated 12 Aug 1944 Gairusho to Swiss Minister, No. 222/C.R.
- 28534. (48) Letter dated 15 Aug 1944 Gairusho to Swiss Minister, No. 223/C.R.
- 28534. (49) Letter dated 17 Aug 1944 from Swiss Minister to M. SHIGEMITSU, Foreign Minister (CC.1.1.-Fib.)
- 28534. (50) Letter dated 12 Sep 1944 from Swiss Minister to M. SHIGEMITSU, Foreign Minister (CC.1.1.-IGc.)
- 28534. (51) Memorandum dated 28 Oct 1944 from Swiss Minister to M. SHIGEMITSU, Foreign Minister (CC.1.1.-LJ-CC.1.5.1./2.1.2.)
- 28534. (52) Letter dated 10 Nov 1944 from Swiss Minister to Minister Tadokazu Suzuki Foreign Ministry (CC.1.1.-Ela.)
- 28534. (53) Letter dated 13 Nov 1944 SUZUKI to Swiss Minister
- 28534. (54) Letter dated 16 Nov 1944 from Swiss Minister to Foreign Minister (CC.1.1.-EGh)
- 28534. (55) Letter dated 17 Nov 1944 from Swiss Minister to Minister Tadokazu SUZUKI, Foreign Ministry (CC.1.1.-Ela)
- 28534. (56) Letter dated 8 Dec 1944 Gairusho to Swiss Minister, No. 379/C.R.
- 28534. (57) Letter dated 12 Dec 1944 from Swiss Minister to Isamu SHIGEMITSU, Foreign Minister (CC.1.1.-Ela)

- 2853.. (58) Letter dated 3 Jan 1945 from Swiss Minister to Foreign Minister (CC.1.1.-IGc.)
- 2853.. (59) Letter dated 16 March 1945 from Swiss Minister to Foreign Minister (CC.1.1.-FGc.)
- 2853.. (60) Letter dated 7 April 1945 from Swiss Minister to Mamoru SHIGEMITSU, Foreign Minister (CC.1.1.-FGc.)
- 2853.. (61) Letter dated 17 April 1945 from Swiss Minister to Foreign Minister (CC.1.1.-FGc.)
- 2853.. (62) Letter dated 19 April 1945 from Swiss Minister to Shigenori TOGO, Foreign Minister (CC.1.7.-4.2.5.34.-FAn.)
- 2853.. (63) Aid-Memoire dated 23 April 1945 from Swiss Minister to Minister SUZUKI (CC.1.1.-FGc.)
- 2853.. (64) Letter dated 10 May 1945 from Swiss Minister to Shigenori TOGO, Foreign Minister (CC.1.1.-FGc.)
- 2853.. (65) Letter dated 16 May 1945 from Swiss Minister to Shigenori TOGO, Foreign Minister (CC.1.1.-FGc.)
- 2853.. (66) Letter dated 30 May 1945 from Swiss Minister to Shigenori TOGO, Foreign Minister (CC.1.1.-FFc.)
- 2853.. (67) Letter dated 30 May 1945 from Swiss Minister to Shigenori TOGO, Foreign Minister (CC.1.1.-FDFd.)
- 2853.. (68) Letter dated 5 June 1945 Gairusho to Swiss Minister, No. 149/C.R.
- 2853.. (69) Letter dated 13 June 1945 from Swiss Minister to Shigenori TOGO, Foreign Minister (CC.1.1.-FCD.)
- 2853.. (70) Letter dated 14 June 1945 from Swiss Minister to Minister Tadakazu SUZUKI, Foreign Affairs Ministry (CC.1.5.1.-FGc.)
- 2853.. (71) Letter dated 13 July 1945 from Swiss Legation to Tadakazu SUZUKI, Foreign Affairs Ministry (CC.1.3.4.-FAb.)
- 2853.. (72) Letter dated 13 July 1945 from Swiss Minister to Tadakazu SUZUKI, Foreign Affairs Ministry (AA.1.1.38.-FFc.)
- 2853.. (73) Letter dated 31 July 1945 from Swiss Minister to Minister Tadakazu SUZUKI, Foreign Affairs Ministry (CC.1.3.4.-FAc.)

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The Swiss Legation has the honor to acknowledge receipt of Note No. 189/C.R. of 24 June from the Imperial Ministry of Foreign Affairs by which it is made known that as Article 13 of the Regulation regarding treatment of prisoners of war provides for the presence of a witness for every visit which is made to them, it was not possible to change the treatment of prisoners in this respect.

The Legation had not failed to make known this information to its Government for the attention of the Government of the United States of America.

At the same time, it would be very much obliged to the Imperial Ministry if it would provide for its files the text of the above mentioned regulations, and takes this opportunity to renew assurances of its high esteem.

Tokio, 8 July 1943

To Imperial Ministry
of Foreign Affairs
Tokio

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The Swiss Legation had the honor on several occasions, the last by letter of 22nd October, to seek the good offices of the Imperial Ministry for Foreign Affairs for the purpose of visiting as soon as possible prisoner of war camps at Tokyo, Yokohama, Hakodate and Hiraoka. As the Ministry will remember, the delegate of the Swiss Minister has only once visited camps at Tokyo and Yokohama, in December last, while those at Hakodate and Hiraoka have never been visited.

Having had no reply, the Legation once more brings this matter to the attention of the Ministry. It considers it to be of extreme importance to know the decision of the Imperial Government.

The Legation takes this opportunity to renew to the Ministry assurances of its high esteem.

Tokio, 10 December 1943

The Imperial Minister
of Foreign Affairs
Tokio

THE GAIMUSHO
TOKYO

No. 223/C.R.

VERBAL NOTE

The Imperial Ministry of Foreign Affairs has the honor to acknowledge receipt, from the Swiss Legation in Tokyo, of a memorandum No. CC.1.1.EAG, dated 21 July, requesting permission to visit prisoner of war camps in Japan. In reply, I wish to send Your Excellency the opinion of the Imperial Government as follows:

In the above memorandum, the Swiss Legation in Tokyo has stated that, "Recently, the Imperial Authorities have notified the Minister of Switzerland that visits to all prisoner of war camps in Japan shall be permitted." However, if this is a quotation of the said statement by the Imperial Minister of Foreign Affairs in the conversations with the above Minister on 3 May, I wish to point out that the statement, "I shall do as much as I can as regards visits to camps in Japan proper and China," was made at that time by the Foreign Minister.

Actually, a delegate of the Swiss Minister has successively visited the prisoner of war camps in Nagoya, Niigata, and Tokyo, after the above conversations, and the Swiss Legation has expressed its satisfaction to the Imperial authorities concerned.

It has already been explained that it is our policy to let the Imperial Authorities concerned gradually grant permission to visit other camps when applications are made on each occasion by the Swiss Legation.

15 August 1944